Reservation of Appointments for increasing the Representation of the Depressed Classes in the Service.

70. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU: Will the Government be pleased to strictly prohibit the appointment of persons other than those belonging to the depressed classes as peons and constables until their number in the various departments reaches at least 20 per cent. of the total number of such appointments in each department?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer is in the negative.

Appointment of Taluk Revenue Officers as Ex-officio Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies.

71. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU: As the responsibilities of taluk revenue officers are very much reduced now, will the Government be pleased to appoint them as *ex officio* Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies in their taluks and thereby avoid the heavy expense involved in appointing Inspectors of Co-operative Societies?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: Government do not consider it feasible to appoint taluk revenue officers as *ex officio* Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies.

Inclusion of Co-operation as a Subject in the Elementary School Curriculum.

72. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU: Will the Government be pleased to include co-operation also among the subjects of instruction in primary schools?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The answer is in the negative.

Fishermen and Middlemen.

73. MR. C. RAMANKUNJU: (*a*) Have the Government any information of the troubles caused to fishermen in South Travancore and at Munambam in North Travancore by middlemen?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken to suppress the same?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Salaries of English School Leaving Certificate holders in English and Vernacular Schools.

83. MR. C. J. CURIEN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that teachers who have passed the English School Leaving Certificate Examination and are appointed to teach English in vernacular middle schools are paid less than those employed in English schools with the same qualification, and, if so, to give the reasons for the disparity in their salaries?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) the scale of salary of a teacher of an English school with an English School Leaving Certificate prior to and since the recent reorganisation of the Education Department; and

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